

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING A PROGRAM TO COVER VULNERABLE POPULATIONS' COSTS OF ACQUIRING NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

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Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/22/16.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The House Finance Committee Report (04/07/16) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - does not changes fiscal impact

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$300,000 General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Environment for FY 2016-17.

L.002 Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) requires the General Assembly to appropriate up to \$300,000 General Fund in place of the current requirement that the General Assembly appropriate at least \$300,000 General Fund for the program.

If the Committee adopts L.002, it should also adopt J.001 unless it chooses to not appropriate any General Fund for the program in FY 2016-17. If the Committee chooses to appropriate

less than \$300,000 General Fund for FY 2016-17, it should amend J.001 to reflect the intended amount.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2016-17 based on the March 2016 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2016-17 budget package a \$300,000 General Fund appropriation for implementation of this bill.

Future Fiscal Impact

The bill requires an annual appropriation of at least \$300,000 General Fund regardless of the amount of available General Fund in future fiscal years. Additionally the bill does not allow for appropriation adjustments based on the effectiveness or expenditure needs of the program.